

# CITY *Visions*

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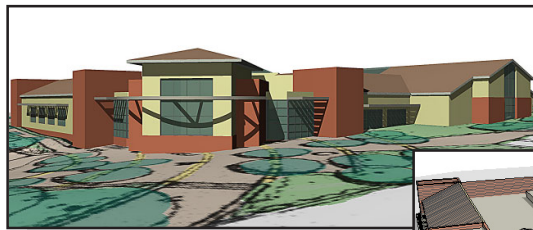
## *Morgan Hill's New Library Plans*

**OVER THE** past several months, the City of Morgan Hill has been working in partnership with the Morgan Hill Public Library, Morgan Hill Unified School District, the Library Commission, Friends of the Library, and members of the community to develop the new Morgan Hill Library. The conceptual design was approved by the Redevelopment Agency in February and staff is now proceeding with the schematic design.

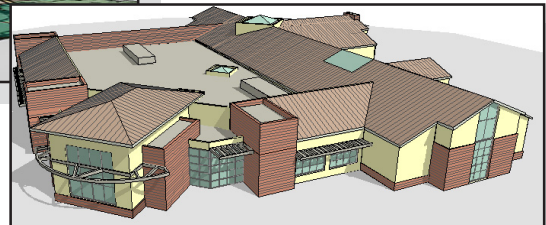
The proposed library, an exciting new venture between the City, the County Library, and the School District, is being designed to meet the City's long-recognized needs for a larger library facility and augmented library services. The new state-of-the-art facility includes a dedicated joint use area that will allow the Library and the School District to provide unique services to the community. Plans include support for home-schooled students, a Family Literacy Program, a Homework Center, and an educational TV studio. The proposals for landscape design include a Friendship Garden for Morgan Hill's Sister Cities program, elements depicting the history of Morgan Hill and the surrounding area, a playground area for children, and a water feature that will preserve and highlight the natural spring found on the Civic Center Campus.

The proposed site for the Library, the west side of the Civic Center Campus, was selected after extensive study and public input. The selection of the site reflects three priorities voiced by members of the community: 1) proximity to downtown and schools;

2) visibility; and 3) accessibility by public transit. The architectural firm of Noll & Tam was selected to transform the Library from a 100+ page report into a conceptual design that reflects the needs and priorities of Morgan Hill residents. Representatives from Noll and Tam facilitated a Community Visioning Workshop on the interior and exterior design elements that appeal to the Library, the City, and the Community. Our current Library is approximately 13,900



*Above: The facade of the main entrance to the library. Bottom Right: An overview of the Library building, which features a large reading room with high ceilings, sky lights and oversized windows with views of El Toro.*



square feet with 138,150 volumes of books and audiovisual materials. The proposed new Library will be 40,000 square feet and anticipates increasing its collection to 200,000 volumes of books and audiovisuals.

Funding for the new Library hinges upon a grant award from the State. The City of Morgan Hill, along with the Library Building Committee, the County Library and the School District, is preparing a comprehensive \$11 million grant application to be submitted in June. The grant requires local governments to provide a 35% match in construction or

April 20<sup>th</sup> 2002

8AM - 12NOON

# City Beautification Day



**ARE YOU** looking for a fun way to spend a Saturday morning? Would you like to see a more beautiful Morgan Hill? Are you interested in civic improvement?

If you answered yes to any of the above, then City Beautification Day is for you!

City Beautification Day is an opportunity to engage in

projects throughout the City that enhance the community's appearance.

Sample projects include tree or shrub planting, cleanup and painting, and vegetation trimming. Groups are welcome to participate too.

Join us at 12:00 Noon To Celebrate with a Barbecue at Community Park To learn more, contact the Environmental Programs Division at 779-7247. ☎

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renovation costs. The Redevelopment Agency has set aside approximately \$7 million to serve as a match. While the City and our partners are confident that the application will meet and exceed the requirements for the grant, the Library will be revised to reflect either an expansion of the existing Library or construction of a significantly smaller library should the State choose to not award the City with a grant.

The conceptual design for the proposed Library is on display at the Morgan Hill Public Library. ☎

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# COMMUNITY GUIDE

## CHANNEL 17 PROGRAMMING GUIDE

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION: 3/6 7PM LIVE  
3/7 NOON REPLAY  
3/9 8PM REPLAY  
3/10 NOON REPLAY

REGULAR SESSION: 3/20 7PM LIVE  
3/21 NOON REPLAY  
3/23 8PM REPLAY  
3/24 NOON REPLAY

JOINT RDA SESSION: 3/27 7PM LIVE  
3/28 NOON REPLAY  
3/30 8PM REPLAY  
3/31 NOON REPLAY

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION: 3/12 7PM LIVE  
3/13 NOON REPLAY  
3/16 8PM REPLAY  
3/17 NOON REPLAY

REGULAR SESSION: 3/26 7PM LIVE  
3/27 NOON REPLAY  
3/30 NOON REPLAY  
3/31 8PM REPLAY

SPARKY'S FIRE SAFETY FOR KIDS 9AM & 4:00PM DAILY  
FRIDAY 7PM

BICYCLE SAFETY HOUR FOR EVERYONE 9:30AM & 4:30PM DAILY  
FRIDAY 7:30PM

FUGITIVE WATCH 10:30AM, & 5:30PM DAILY  
SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S MOST WANTED FRIDAY 8:30PM

## COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

### COMPOST WORKSHOP • MARCH 12

The first day of Spring is March 20th which means it's time for our composting classes to start back up after the winter break. Attendees of Morgan Hill Home Composting workshops discover the benefits of gardening using their own compost. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, from 7-9 PM at the YMCA. To register for this free workshop, call the Home Composting Education Program at 918-4640.

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Planning: Land Use / Zoning 779-7247  
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## Helping to keep you out of the dark

On your street or as you're traveling through town, you may notice a street light that isn't working. When this happens, we'd like to hear from you so that we can get it back into operation. What kind of information do we need to take care of a non-working street light?

- The pole number which is usually on a metal tag at viewing level; (See Photo)
- Whether the pole is wood or metal ;
- The address and the cross streets.



The identifying pole numbers for street lights are easily visible, as shown here.

The above is the "ideal" information we'd like to have. Provide us with what you can, and we'll take it from there. Once we have this information, we'll contact PG&E to request the repair.

Give us a call at 776-7337 when you notice a street light out and you'll be helping us do a better job of keeping you "out of the dark." ☎

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## BMX Park Grand Opening

The Interim BMX Park Grand Opening will

be held on  
**Saturday, March 16th,**  
from **10am-1pm**

at the Interim BMX Park on  
Butterfield Blvd. next to the  
Cal-Train parking lot.



There will be demonstrations, a **safety clinic**,  
a **drawing** for a BMX bike, **food, music**,  
and much more fun! For information contact the  
Recreation Division at 779-7271.

## MONTEREY ROAD WORK ADVISORY



Traffic on Monterey Road will be interrupted for a utility replacement project between Central and Main avenues for approximately 40 days beginning in late March. While every effort will be made to minimize the traffic disruptions, especially during the commute hours, you may want to avoid this section of Monterey during this time.



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